

## ARKANSAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL, INC.

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Independent Citizens Commission State of Arkansas State Capitol Building Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Request of Arkansas Judicial Council

Dear Commissioners:

I write this letter as the President of the Arkansas Judicial Council. Members of the Arkansas Judicial Council include this state's circuit court judges (121), the court of appeals judges (12), and the state's supreme court justices (7).

In anticipation of the Independent Citizens Commission meeting presently scheduled for April 24, 2018, I have been authorized by the Council's Board of Directors to request a cost of living adjustment or modest salary increase of three percent. We submit that current economic conditions both nationally and within this state fully support such a request.

Several judges will attend the upcoming Commission meeting to provide any additional information and answer any questions. We thank you in advance for your fair consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Wiley A. Branton, Jr.

President